tered into a deal with a West German firm to purchase submarines,

(b) if so, what is the number of submarines delivered by the said firm, so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that some senior officials of the Navy have declared these submarines as being inferior to its competitors, specially the Swedish designed submarines; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to cancel further orders with the German firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir, a contract had been entered into with M/s HDW of F.R.G.

(b) Two; as contracted.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No further orders for the supply of submarines are pending with M/s HDW.

Appointments in Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, Mahendragiri

2000. SHRI M VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that interview for appointment of staff in the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu was conducted in Kerala and after a lapse of some months, the recruited persons were transferred to the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what is the number of times when such recruitments were made; and

(c) what is the number of persons from Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Recruitment test Facility in the Liquid Propulsion test facility (LPTF) Unit of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre of Indian Space Research Organisation/Department of Space at Mahendragiri, near Nagercoil Tamil Nadu, are made strictly in accordance with the general recruitment policy followed by the Department in all its Centres/Units According to this policy appointments to posts with a scale of pay of Rs. 1350—2200 and below are made through local Employment Exchange. Posts above Rs 1350—2200 but below Rs. 2200—4000 are filled up by Advertisements through local or regional new-papers. Recruitment to Group 'A' posts (Rs. 2200—4000 and above) alone are made on all-India basis. A copy of the advertisement is also sent to the Employment Exchanges concerned and candidates sponsored by them are considered alongwith the candidates who apply in response to the Advertisements

In accordance with the above procedure, vacancies required to be filled up at the Mahendragiri Unit of LPSC near Nagercoil, through the local Employment Exchange, have been filled up only by candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange, at Nagercoil. The only exception was in respect of a post of Laboratory Assistant (Photography) which had to be advertised due to non-availability of suitable candidate from the local Employment Exchange. In this case, the interview/trade test was conducted at Vahamala (LPSC Headquarters) since requisite trade test facilities are not

advertisement in Regional/National newspapers, interviews are conducted at Valiamala, which is LPSC Headquarters However, offers are issued to the selected candidates directing them to report to the respective places where the vacancies exist In respect of two posts of Engineer-SB, however, the individuals were originally posted to Valiamala complex but were subsequently shifted to Mahendragiri, as they were found more suitable for the Test Facilities located at Mahendragiri. One of these Engineers belong to Tamil Nadu

(c) 73 persons from Tamil Nadu and 8 persons from Kerala are presently employed in Liquid Propulsion Test Facility at Mahendragiri.

Law to check defection

2001. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the salutory provisions of law aimed at checking defections by the Legislators are being rendered nugatory in some cases without technical violation thereof; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard and remedy the malady?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R BHARDWAJ): (a) Government have no such information.

(b) Does not arise

Fresh treaty with Sri Lanka

2002. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P GOYAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Government have recently suggested a fresh treaty with regard to the ethnic problem in that country,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons behind the suggestion and how does the proposed treaty differ from the earlier accord between the two countries; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Relief sent to Sri Lanka

2003. SHRI F. M KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total amount of relief so far sent to Jaffna and other parts of Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH). 4571 812 metric tonnes.

Repeal of CCS (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1959 by the Supreme Court

2004 SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CCS (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1959 had been struck off by the Supreme Court in 1962;

(b) whether any fresh rules have been framed to replace the above rules; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when these rules are likely to be framed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) Actually, these Rules were framed in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 209 and Clause